

JUNIOR ROADMAP

ROBERT MCQUEEN HIGH, CO 2026

FALL

Grad Plan & Transcript: Review these documents provided to you by the Counseling Department. If you see something that appears to be incorrect, connect with your McQueen Counselor (i.e., send an email, make an appointment, or walk-in before/after school or during lunch).

Research College Admissions: If you plan on attending college, now is the time to begin researching college admissions requirements for the school(s) you wish to apply to. Every college or university has their admissions criteria on their websites.

- **University of Nevada, Reno:** Research the core academic GPA requirements for admission as well as the scholarship matrix
- **Truckee Meadows Community College:** Research the 2- and 4-year degrees as well as the certificate and job training programs

Collegiate Athletics: If you are hoping to participate in college athletics for a Division I, II, or III school, students must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. There are specific core classes, GPA, and SAT/ACT scores that you may need for eligibility. Learn more at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Trade School or Apprenticeships: If you are interested in attending a trade school or seeking an apprenticeship, begin researching opportunities at <https://www.buildingtradejobs.org/>

Military Service: If a military career is something you are considering, register to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). This free opportunity is offered twice per year at McQueen. See Ms. Kirk in the College & Career Center, room 503, to sign-up.

PSAT/NMSQT Test: All college bound students are encouraged to take this. Taking the test as a junior is the only time a student has the opportunity to potentially qualify as a National Merit Semi-Finalist, which can lead to scholarship options. Pay the bookkeeper the \$18 fee by October 4. The digital test will be held at McQueen on October 15-25, 2024. Mr. Hilliard (Dean) will assign each student their test date.

COUNSELING

[HTTPS://WWW.WASHOESCHOOLS.NET/PAGE/16182](https://www.washoeschools.net/page/16182)
@MCQUEENCOUNSELING

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

[HTTPS://WWW.WASHOESCHOOLS.NET/PAGE/3530](https://www.washoeschools.net/page/3530)
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MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

There is not an application process for this scholarship; however, students must earn a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.25 or higher in addition to core class and residency requirements by the time they graduate high school. Learn more about this opportunity at https://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/gms/ggms_home/

WCSD COLLEGE FAIR

This will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, located at 4590 S. Virginia Street. This is an opportunity to meet college representatives as well as attend seminars on a variety of topics, including financial aid and scholarships, first generation students, and much more. Register at <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/18056>

WINTER

Career Interest Inventories: Completing one or more of these can help students align their interests and goals to potential career options in the future.

- <https://www.careeronestop.org/>
- <https://nvworkforceconnections.org/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents/career-planning.html>

Scholarship Search: Begin researching scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible to apply for during your junior or senior year of high school. Pay attention to the eligibility requirements, the documents required, and the due dates for submission.

- <https://www.fastweb.com>
- <https://www.goingmerry.com>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-directory>

Accomplishments Resume: Consider drafting a resume that lists all of your accomplishments in high school, to include any awards, distinctions, AP exam scores, community service, club participation, and employment. This is meant to be a living document that you continue to add to, which will help when writing a future college essay, applying for a job, or applying for a scholarship opportunity.

SPRING

Plan For Senior Year: Participate in the course registration process with your McQueen Counselor as well as consult with your family about course request decisions. Review the McQueen course catalog and consider if taking a dual credit class is right for you. Some dual credit classes are taught on McQueen's campus, whereas the majority of them are taught in the traditional or online setting through TMCC and UNR. The cost of any dual credit class is the responsibility of the student and their family, but can provide a jump start to earning college credits in high school.

Take the ACT at McQueen: All juniors will automatically be registered to take this College & Career Readiness (CCR) assessment at McQueen on February 25, 2025. There is not a cost for students. Taking this is a graduation requirement in WCSD, regardless of score.

SUMMER

Standardized Testing: Consider if re-taking the ACT or taking the SAT is right for you, based on the college admissions or scholarship requirements at your school(s) of choice.

- <https://www.act.org>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org>

College Visits: Many colleges and universities offer in-person and/or virtual tours of their campuses. These experiences can answer many questions that prospective students and families may have about the transition to college life.

- **UNR Nevada Bound Tours:** These are immersive tours geared toward prospective students and their families. Schedule a tour online at <https://admissions.unr.edu/portals/nevadabound>

QUESTIONS

Reach out to your McQueen Counselor or Ms. Kirk in the College & Career Center with any questions you may have. Counselor email addresses and appointment links can be found on the McQueen Counseling Website (see front page).